THE VIRGINIA GAZETTE.

The Freedom of the Preſs is one of the great Bulwarks of Liberty, and can never be reſtrained but by deſpotic Government.

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The ſpeech of Mr. WILKES, *in the Houſe of Commons, concluded from our laſt.*

AN honourable Gentleman near me attacks the American declaration of independency, in a very peculiar manner, as a wretched compoſition, very ill written, drawn up with the view to captivate the people. That, Sir, is the very reaſon why I approve it moſt as a compoſition, as well as a wiſe, political meaſure, for the people are to decide this great controverſy. If they are captivated by it, the end is attained. The poliſhed periods, the harmonious, happy expreſſions, with all the grace, eaſe, and elegance of a beautiful diction, which we chiefly admire, captivate the people of America very little; but manly, nervous ſenſe they reliſh, even in the moſt aukward and uncouth dreſs of language. Whatever compoſition produces the effect you intend in the moſt forcible manner, is, in my opinion, the beſt, and that mode ſhould always be purſued. It has the moſt merit, as well as ſucceſs, on the great theatre of the world, no leſs than on the ſtage, whether you mean to inſpire pity, terror, or any other paſſion.

The honourable Gentleman, Sir, who ſucceeded the addreſs, ſays, the American declaration of independency was no ſurprize to him—nor I believe, Sir, to any man of common reflection, after the frantic and extravagant career, which Adminiſtration purſued, with a full chorus of approbation from the majority of this Houſe.

The ſpeech in your hand, Sir, which an honourable Gentleman near me has well called a ſpeech of hypocriſy, mentions the "aſſurances of amity, which his Majeſty continues to receive from the ſeveral Courts of Europe." At the beginning of the laſt ſeſſion, the miniſter gave us in the King's ſpeech more explicit aſſurances. It was ſaid, "I am happy to add that, as well from the aſſurances I have received, as from the general appearance of affairs in Europe, I ſee no probability that the meaſures, which you may adopt, will be interrupted by diſputes with any foreign power." We have no ſuch aſſurances held out to us this year, that our meaſures will not be interrupted by diſputes with any other foreign power; but we have ſtill aſſurances of amity, which are daily contradicted by the immenſe preparations of the neighbouring foreign powers of France and Spain, and indeed of the whole Houſe of Bourbon. The accounts from Naples contain little but the vaſt preparations making by the King of the two Sicilies. Are we indeed ſimple and credulous enough to truſt to general vague expreſſions of politeneſs againſt the clear evidence of facts? Our Miniſtry know very well that an American privateer being lately ſtopt at Bilboa in Biſcay, an expreſs was immediately deſpatched to Madrid, which returned with the fulleſt directions for the releaſe of the privateer, and permiſſion to furniſh him with proviſions, ſtores, ammunition, in ſhort, whatever he wanted. This fact will not be denied. Is Spain then one of the foreign powers, which again ſoothes us with theſe honied aſſurances of amity? Has fate ordained, that we are neither to poſſeſs capacity enough to profit by the example of others, nor even by our own experience? In the very firſt year of the preſent reign, in September 1761, the gazette told us, that "the Catholic King had, at no time, been more intent upon cultivating a good correſpondence with England, than in the preſent conjuncture;" a declaration received ſeriouſly here, held out as a part of the court creed, and laughed at by all the reſt of Europe. In the beginning of the following January, without any new facts having occurred of any moment, war was declared by England againſt Spain. Will the plauſible, ſmooth-tongued French likewiſe be able to lull us into a fatal ſecurity againſt the evidence of all hiſtory? Can we expect to be treated by them in any other manner than the Spaniards were at the time of the famous revolt of Portugal? The French ſent whole regiments, completely officered, into the ſervice of the Houſe of Braganza. They paid them under-hand the ſame as their national troops, yet all the while declared their abhorrence of rebellions and of rebels, iſſuing proclamation after proclamation, and recalling their deſerters under the moſt ſevere penalties. Sir, there is not a power in Europe, unſubſidized by Great Britain, which does not wiſh ſucceſs to the Americans, and we are conſidered almoſt every where on the continent, in the odious light of tyrants and oppreſſors.

The ſpeech, Sir, ſtates, that "if treaſon be ſuffered to take root, much miſchief muſt grow from it to the ſafety of my loyal colonies." Alas! Sir, what we call treaſon and rebellion, and they juſt reſiſtance and a glorious reſolution, has taken root, a very deep root indeed, and has ſpread over almoſt all the American colonies. In this very ſpeech we are told of their numbers, their wealth, their ſtrength by ſea and land. The loyal colonies are three, the free provinces thirteen. In laying on the embargo, the exception to the rule is rediculous enough. It is as thirteen to three. The gazette ſays, "any of my colonies in North America, except the colonies of New Hampſhire, Maſſachuſett's Bay, Rhode Iſland, Connecticut, New York, New Jerſey, Pennſylvania, the three lower counties on Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia. Of what other colonies was his Majeſty in poſſeſſion at his acceſſion to the throne? I think the permiſſion extends only to the provinces, which we have not yet loſt, to the two Roman Catholic provinces of Canada and Florida, and to Nova Scotia.

We have now been carrying on for two years a ſavage and piratical, as well as an unjuſt war. Every demand of Government has been complied with, and yet the great force employed both by ſea and land has not hitherto recovered a ſingle province of all the confederated colonies. On the contrary, the evil grows more deſperate. The laſt year only twelve colonies humbly petitioned the throne. This year by the acceſſion of Georgia, we have ſeen a fœderal union of thirteen free and powerful provinces aſſerting their independency as high and mighty ſtates, and ſetting our power at defiance. This was done with circumſtances of ſpirit and courage, to which poſterity will do juſtice. It was directly after the ſafe landing of your whole force. In return we have barbarouſly plundered their coaſts, and ſet fire to their open towns and defenceleſs villages, in a manner which diſgraces the Engliſh name. In the midſt of all the cruelties, terrors, and devaſtations, which follow your arms, the ſpirit of the Americans is ſtill unſubdued, and I hope and believe, you never will conquer the free ſpirit of the diſcendents of Engliſhmen, exerted in an honeſt cauſe. They honour, and value, the bleſſings of liberty. They are determined to live, and die, freemen, notwithſtanding the vain efforts of every arbitrary power in Europe. It is a fooliſh attempt to think of conquering and holding the immenſe territory of North America, when the whole country is united againſt us. We argue in a trifling manner on the deciſive good conſequences for events only in the province of New York. They do not prove that we ſhall ſubdue Virginia, or either of the Carolinas. Succeſs in two or three battles, or ſieges, argues little for the final ſucceſs of a war, ſo extenſive already, and ſo greatly complicated.

As to our unanimity at home, Sir, the very idea is abſurd, becauſe impoſſible, while the preſent ſyſtem of injuſtice and oppreſſion continues in its full vigour. The American war is unjuſt, and unconſtitutional in its firſt principle, and, if perſiſted in, muſt end in our ruin. We have neither force to conquer, nor ſtrengh to maintain, ſuch extenſive conqueſts, if we could ſucceed. Our ſituation is become truly critical. The conſtitution of this country is at home ſapped by bribery and corruption. On the other ſide of the Atlantic it is aſſailed by violence and force of arms. The moſt fatal ſucceſs in this devoted nation is very evident, but in the new world, I truſt, as a friend of mankind, that all the deſpotic meaſures of a tyrannical adminiſtration will prove ineffectual. It is impoſſible for this iſland to conquer and hold America. They are determined and united. Your fleets may indeed every year carry horror through all their coaſts. Your armies may poſſeſs ſome ſea-port towns, but the numerous and greatly increaſing people of the provinces will retire into the interior parts, of which you have already had ſome experience. Peaceful towns and villages will cover their fruitful plains, liberty will fix her bleſt abode among them, the unmoleſted, happy inhabitants rejoicing that they are *procul a Jove, procul a fulmine.*

I heartily agree, Sir, with the noble Lord in the amendment propoſed; but I go farther, and my opinion is, that if we expect to have the empire to preſerve, even for a ſhort period, Canada or the Weſt India Iſlands, or to recover any part of the immenſe territory we have loſt, we muſt recall our fleets and armies, repeal all the acts injurious to the Americans paſſed ſince 1763, and reſtore their charters. We may then, if they will forgive, and can truſt us, treat with them on juſt, fair, and equal terms, without the idea of compulſion, and a foundation be laid for the reſtoration of peace, internal tranquility, and union to this convulſed and diſmembered empire.

HOUSE of COMMONS, December 2.

THE House deferred ways and means, and the ſupply, to the 22d of January.

Ordered in the bill to enable the Lords of the Admiralty to grant letters of marque and repriſal againſt the Americans.

Received and read the titles of ſeveral accounts from the African company, which were ordered to lie on the table.

Reſolved, to conſider on the 22d of January, in a committee of the whole Houſe, the allowing of lumber to be exported from the Baltic to the Weſt India iſlands.

Extract of a letter from Chatham, December 2.

" Friday laſt orders were received here for his Majeſty's ſhip Victory, of 100 guns, to be fitted up for a flag ſhip, and it is now aſſured that Admiral Keppel will hoiſt his flag on board her, as commander in chief of the fleet of obſervation; accordingly he is daily expected here."

Dec. 5. This morning the Mediator, Captain Gall, from Quebec, with wounded ſoldiers on board, arrived at Deptford, and landed the ſoldiers, who are to go to Chelſea hoſpital.

Letters from the Cove of Corke, dated November 25, mention, that on the 22d, 23d, and 24th, 36 tranſports, with proviſions, ſailed from Corke.

It is ſaid that advices are received from the Grenades, that 3 American privateers of force have been lately taken by one of his Majeſty's frigates and a ſloop of war, off thoſe iſlands, and carried into Antigua.

Dec. 21. As nothing of any conſequence can be done in Canada during the winter, General Burgoyne is returned home to attend his duty at the next meeting of Parliament, by whom they will be informed of the true ſtate of his Majeſty's forces there. Should not a reconciliation happen before ſpring, the General will return and reſume his ſtation.

Yeſterday General Burgoyne attended the levee at St. James's, and afterwards held a long conference with the King.

Two lotteries are ſaid to make part of the ways and means towards raiſing the ſupplies for the enſuing year.

Moſt of the Electoral States are agreed not to permit any foreign troops to march through their territories.

PHILADELPHIA, *April* 8.

CAPTAIN Mumford, from Cape Francois, informs that the brig Warren, Captain Paul Read, from Boſton, was taken the 11th of March, juſt off the bar of the Capes.

Extract from a General Order, iſſued March 27, 1777.

" The General, having directed, that all Surgeons who have the ſuperintendency of military hoſpitals, ſhould ſend all ſoldiers whom they diſcharge, under the care of proper officers to join their reſpective regiments; making report to the commanding officer of each regiment of the number of men ſo diſcharged, belonging to his corps;—deſires that the commanding officer in the department neareſt any hoſpital from which they are to be diſmiſſed, will, upon application of the Surgeon thereof, furniſh an officer, or officers, for the occaſion, proportioned to the number of men to be committed to his or their care."

It it deſired that the above will be inſerted in the different papers on this continent.

In CONGRESS, *January* 14, 1777.

WHEREAS the continental money ought to be ſupported at the full value expreſſed in the reſpective bills, by the inhabitants of theſe States for whoſe benefit they were iſſued, and who ſtand bound to redeem the ſame according to the like value; and the pernicious artifices of the enemies of American liberty to impair the credit of the ſaid bills, by raiſing the nominal value of gold and ſilver, or any other ſpecies of money whatſoever, ought to be guarded againſt and prevented:

Reſolved, that all bills of credit, emitted by authority of Congreſs, ought to paſs current in all payments, trade and dealings, in theſe States, and be deemed in value equal to the ſame nominal ſum in Spaniſh milled dollars; and that whoſoever ſhall offer, aſk, or receive more in the ſaid bills for any gold or ſilver coins, bullion, or any other ſpecies of money whatſoever, than the nominal ſum or amount thereof in Spaniſh milled dollars, or more in the ſaid bills for any lands, goods, or commodities whatſoever, than the ſame could be purchaſed at of the ſame perſon or perſons in gold or ſilver, or any other ſpecies of money whatſoever; or ſhall offer to ſell any goods or commodities for gold or ſilver coins, or any other ſpecies of money whatſoever, and refuſe to ſell the ſame for the ſaid continental bills, every ſuch perſon ought to be deemed an enemy to the liberties of theſe United States, and to forfeit the value of the money ſo exchanged, or houſe, land, or commodity ſo ſold or offered to ſale. And it is recommended to the legiſlatures of the reſpective States to enact laws inflicting ſuch forfeitures and other penalties, on offenders as aforeſaid, as will prevent ſuch pernicious practices.

That it be recommended to the legiſlatures of the United States, to paſs laws to make the bills of credit iſſued by the Congreſs a lawful tender, in payment of public and private debts, and a refuſal thereof an extinguiſhment of ſuch debts; that debts payable in ſterling money, be diſcharged with continental dollars at the rate of four ſhillings and ſix pence ſterling per dollar, and that in diſcharge of all other debts and contracts continental dollars paſs at the rate fixed by the reſpective States for the value of Spaniſh milled dollars.

Reſolved, that it be recommended to the legiſlatures of the ſeveral United States, to paſs reſolutions that they will make proviſion for drawing in and ſinking their quotas of the bills emitted by Congreſs, at the ſeveral periods fixed, or that ſhall be fixed by Congreſs.

That it be recommended by the legiſlatures of the ſeveral States, to raiſe by taxation, in the courſe of the current year, and remit to the treaſury, ſuch ſums of money as they ſhall think will be moſt propes in the preſent ſituation of the inhabi ants; which ſums ſhall be carried to their credit, and accounted for in the ſettlement of their proportion of the public expences and debts, for which the United States are jointly bound.

That an additioned ſum of two millions of dollars be borrowed at the loan office, on certificates of two hundred dollars each.

That the commiſſioners of the loan office be directed to receive the bills of credit, heretofore emitted by the States in which they reſpectively hold their offices, for ſuch ſums as they ſhall be ordered by the continental treaſurer from time to time, to pay for continental purpoſes within ſuch States reſpectively. By order of Congreſs.

JOHN HANCOCK, Preſident.

BALTIMORE, *April* 15.

THE ſupreme executive Council for the State of Pennſylvania have received intelligence, from his Excellency General Putnam, of the enemy being in motion towards South Amboy. It is probable they will attempt to gain poſſeſſion of the city of Philadelphia. In conſequence of which, the Council have recommended it to the militia to hold themſelves in readineſs, as the call will be ſudden, and probably in a few days to oppoſe their cruel enemies in the field. Congreſs propoſes to form a camp near to Philadelphia, to which the militia are to repair when called upon, arms, tents, and the neceſſary camp equippage, being already provided.

GENERAL ORDERS.

HEAD QUARTERS, Morris Town, *April* 7, 1777.

HIS Excellency the Commander in Chief orders, in the moſt pointed terms, that all the officers of the 1ſt, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 9th Virginia regiments, who are abſent without leave in writing from himſelf or Major General Stephen, or are not upon any ſpecial command, or not on the recruiting ſervice (the two laſt caſes by proper authority) do immediately join their reſpective corps, without the ſmalleſt heſitation or delay. Thoſe who have obtained written furloughs muſt not exceed the time allowed them, a ſingle hour; and thoſe who have been ſent upon particular commands, or are employed in the recruiting ſervice, muſt pay the utmoſt attention to their orders, as they will anſwer the contrary.

The officers of the other Virginia regiments in continental ſervice muſt govern themſelves ſtrictly by theſe orders, as far as they apply. No excuſe can or will be admitted for idleneſs or diſſipation, at a time when their own honour and their country's intereſt call them to the field.

His Excellency does not wiſh to convey theſe orders through the channel of a news-paper; but the difficulty, indeed impracticability, of tranſmitting them in time, in any other way, renders it indiſpenſably neceſſary.

By his Excellency's command.

G. JOHNSTON, A. d. C.

WILLIAMSBURG, *April* 25, 1777.

RUN away from the Subſcriber, about 8 or 10 Weeks ago, a Negro Fellow named HARRY, about 5 Feet 5 or 6 Inches high, by Trade a Cooper and Carpenter, and when he works at a Bench he works on the wrong Side. The above Slave I purchaſed of the Eſtate of the late Dr. *Andrew Anderſon*, in *New Kent* County. Mr. *Anderſon* purchaſed him of the Eſtate of the late Mr. *Sherwer* of *James City* County, where I believe he is now lurking, otherwiſe at one of the Plantations of the ſaid Mr. *Sherwer* in *King William* County. I will give 40s. to any Perſon who will ſecure the ſaid Slave, ſo as I get him again, or 3l. if delivered to me in *Williamſburg*. (2‖) FRANCIS JARAM.

COMMITTED to *Charlotte* Gaol, on the 23d of *January* laſt, a Negro Fellow who ſays his Name is BEN, but cannot or will not tell his Maſter's Name. He appears to be about 35 Years of Age, is ſlim made, about 5 Feet 7 or 8 Inches high; had on an old dark coloured Bearſkin Coat, an old ſtriped *Virginia* Cloth Jacket and Breeches, and an old coarſe Shirt. The Owner is deſired to take him away, and pay Charges. (2‖) JOHN TANKERSLEY, Gaoler.

MILL or HEMP STONES

CUT by the Subſcriber, near *Louiſa* Courthouſe, where any Perſon may be ſupplied with any Size, by applying to

(2‖) RICHARD BLOXSOM.

CAROLINE County, *March* 28, 1777.

I HAVE for Sale, 400 Barrels of Corn, 400 Buſhels of Wheat, and 20 Hogſheads of Tobacco, and will deliver the ſame any Day agreed on at *Aylett*'s Warehouſe, in *April* or *May* next.

(2‖) JOHN SUTTON.

TO be rented, or ſold, and may be entered on immediately, a valuable Tract of LAND lying on *Nanſemond* River, within two Miles of *Suffolk*, containing about 2000 Acres, on which are a large and commodious Dwelling-Houſe, a good Storehouſe, Warehouſe, Stable, Barn, Dairy, and ſeveral other convenient Outhouſes; a large Apple Orchard, Garden, and few Acres of good Meadow Land cleared and drained. Any Perſon inclinable to rent or purchaſe, may know the Terms by applying to *John Driver* at *Suffolk*, or the Subſcriber in *Brunſwick*. (1‖) ANDREW MEADE.

TO be ſold, for continnental Currency, a Tract of LAND containing 502 Acres, pleaſantly ſituate on the ſouth Side of *Pamlico* River, in the County of *Beaufort*, *North Carolina*, oppoſite the Town of *Bath*, about 100 Acres of which are cleared, whereon is erected a commodious two Story Brick Dwelling-Houſe with 6 Rooms, a Garden, Barn, and other convenient Outhouſes; alſo an Apple Orchard of upwards of 4 and a Peach Orchard of upwards of 700 bearing Trees; about 200 Acres of the Upland is particularly calculated for thoſe valuable Branches of Buſineſs the Culture of Indigo and Rice, the latter is well watered with a Stream, whereon might be erected, at an eaſy Expenſe, a Set of Works for cleaning ſaid Grain for Market; a great Plenty of Fiſh to be taken at all Seaſons of the Year, and wild Fowl in Abundance in their Seaſon, and an excellent Range for Stock of all Kinds. An undoubted Title will be made. Any Perſon inclinable to purchaſe, may know the Terms, by applying to the Subſcriber, on the Premiſes. (3‖) ISAAC PATRIDGE.

TAKEN up, in *Buckingham*, a WHITE HORSE about 4 Feet 6 Inches high, about 14 Years old, with a hanging Mane and Switch Tail, is a natural Pacer, and branded on the near Buttock S. Poſted, and appraiſed to 81. (1‖) WILLIAM JONES.

WILLIAMSBURG, *April* 24, 1777.

A GENERAL Meeting of the WILLIAMSBURG SOCIETY of Manufacturers is deſired at the Houſe of Mr. *James Southall*, on *Friday* the ſecond Day of *May*, at ten o'Clock in the Forenoon, for the Deſpatch of Buſineſs of Importance.

RO: C. NICHOLAS, Chairman.

CUMBERLAND, *April* 1, 1777.

THE Subſcriber deſirous of ſettling all Accounts due to and from the Eſtate of *John Skipp Harris*, late of *Amelia* County, begs that thoſe who have any Demands againſt the Eſtate may make them known by *Auguſt Cumberland* Court; and requeſt the Favour of thoſe who are any Ways indebted to make Payment by that Time. Thoſe who cannot attend themſelves may have an Opportunity of tranſmitting their Accounts and Balances by their Neighbours. Being particularly anxious to adjuſt all thoſe Accounts, the Favour in complying with this reaſonable Requeſt will be gratefully acknowledged by (2‖) SARAH HARRIS, Adminiſtratrix.

TO BE SOLD at public Auction, on the 12th of *May* next, for ready Money, before Mr. *James Southall*'s Door, four NEGRO MEN and one NEGRO WOMAN, belonging to the Eſtate of *Robert Goodwin*, Senior, deceaſed.

(2‖) THOMAS CARY, Adminiſtrator.

ANY Perſon inclinable to become an Adventurer in the LOTTERY of the UNITED STATES of AMERICA may be ſupplied with Tickets at my Store in *Williamſburg*. JOHN CARTER.

FREDERICKSBURG, *April* 7, 1777.

INTENDING to leave *Virginia* in a ſhort Time, I deſire all Perſons having Demands againſt me, any Claim, or other Matter unſettled, for Tranſactions on Account of Mr. *John Glaſſell*, to make immediate Application.

LACHLAN CAMPBELL.

TO BE SOLD to the higheſt Bidder, at the Plantation where Mr. *John Bland*, deceaſed, lately lived, in *Amelia*, on *Friday* the 16th of *May* next, all the perſonal Eſtate of the ſaid Deceaſed, conſiſting of Houſehold and Kitchen Furniture, Hogs, Horſes, Cattle, Sheep, Plantation Utenſils, &c. At the ſame Time and Place will be ſold, about ten young likely *Virginia* born Negroes. Twelve Months Credit will be allowed for all Sums above five Pounds, the Purchaſers giving Bond (with approved Security) to carry Intereſt from the Date if not punctually paid.---All thoſe who have any Demands againſt the ſaid Eſtate are deſired to give them in, properly atteſted, to Mr. *John Murray* of *Mecklenburg*, or the Rev. *Thomas Lundie* in *Brunſwick*, before the Day of Sale; and all indebted are requeſted to make ſpeedy Payment.

2‖ THE ADMINISTRATRIX.

PETERSBURG, *April* 14, 1777.

JUST imported in the Schooner MARNEX, from *St. Croix*, and to be ſold in ſmall Quantities, to the higheſt Bidders, at *Peterſburg*, on *Thurſday* the 1ſt of *May* next, for ready Money, a Quantity of Salt, Gunpowder, fine Linens, Cambrick, Nuns Thread, Canvas, Thread Stockings, White Humhums, a few Patterns of ſuperfine Broadcloth, Calimanco Shoes, *Caſtlaval* Wine, Brown Sugar, Hyſon Tea, Britannias, *Ruſſia* Sheeting, White ditto, Oſnabrugs, and a large Quantity of 4d. 6d. 8d. 10d. and 20d. Nails.---Alſo the Veſſel, with her Sails, Rigging, Tackle, and Apparel. She is a prime Sailer, quite new, well found, and about thirty Tons Burthen.

(2‖) BIRCHETT, OLDHAM, & Co.

HANOVER, *April* 2, 1777.

RUN away from the Subſcriber, a young Mulatto Fellow named BOB, about 5 Feet 8 Inches high. He is a pale Mulatto, and hath a ſickly Look, with ſtraight black Hair, and a Decay between his fore Teeth. He is rather badly made, has very large Feet, and had on, when he went away, a light coloured coarſe Broadcloth Coat and Waiſtcoat, brown Cloth Breeches, a Dowlas Shirt, old Hat, &c. I expect he is gone to Mr. *John Oty*, who lives either in *Mecklenburg* or *Lunenburg*, and who bought his Siſter at the ſame Time I made a Purchaſe of him, which was of *Noel Waddill*'s Eſtate in *New Kent*. Whoever brings the ſaid Runaway to me, in *Blackwell's Neck*, ſhall have at the Rate of two Shillings a Mile as far as one Hundred, or three Pounds if committed to Gaol, ſo that I get him again.

SAMUEL PEARSON.

TO BE SOLD, the Land whereon I live, containing 300 Acres, with a Dwelling-Houſe 44 by 20, which affords two large commodious Rooms on a Floor, a Paſſage below, and a Fire Place above, a Brick Cellar, and all convenient Outhouſes. Alſo two Plantations ſituate above and below the Shipyard on *Chickahominy* River, with cleared Land ſufficient to work 15 Hands, and ſeveral fine Marſhes, one within Half a Mile of the ſaid Shipyard, that will afford Graſs for 300 Head of Cattle, near which ſeveral Perſons have applied for Lots. Within a Mile of the Land are erected a Griſt Mill and Saw Mill, and there is Pine and Oak Timber enough to furniſh the latter for ſeven Years.---Any Perſon or Perſons inclined to purchaſe may apply to the Subſcribers, who will ſhew the Land, and treat for the ſame.

PHILIP JOHNSON.
JAMES B. JOHNSON.

RUN away from *Blandfield*, in the County of *Eſſex*, a Negro Man named JOHN TWOPENCE, ſquare and well ſet, about 4 Feet 5 or 6 Inches high, 40 Years of Age, of a yellowiſh Complexion, a good Countenance, and very ſenſible and plauſible in his Diſcourſe. He has carried with him, it is preſumed, a blue Fearnought Waiſtcoat with white Metal Buttons, and ſundry other ſuch Things as Negroes are uſually clothed in. Whoever delivers him to me at *Blandfield* ſhall receive a Reward of 40s. beſides what the Law allows.

ROBERT BEVERLEY.

ALL Perſons who have any Demands againſt the Eſtates of *John*, *Jonathan*, or *Thomas Pleaſants*, deceaſed, are deſired to make them known, and thoſe who are indebted to either of the ſaid Eſtates are requeſted to make immediate Payment to

(1‖) ROBERT PLEASANTS.

N. B. There is a Tract of LAND on *Ward*'s Fork, in *Charlotte* County, containing about 1700 Acres, and a Tract on *Muddy Creek*, in *Cumberland* County, containing 345 Acres, belonging to the Eſtate of ſaid *Jonathan Pleaſants*, for Sale.

TO BE SOLD by the Subſcriber, at his Store in *Williamſburg*, a few Hogſheads of very good *Muſcovado* Sugar, Caſks of old Whiſkey, Linens, Checks, Cloths, Silks, Writing Paper, *Pruſſian* Blue, *Spaniſh* Brown, Hoes, Axes, Reap Hooks, Mace, Cinnamon, Cloves, Threads, and many other Articles. (2) WILLIAM PITT.

☞ I have an exceeding likely Riding Horſe to diſpoſe of.

CHESTERFIELD, *April* 7, 1777.

RUN away from the Subſcriber, about the Middle of laſt Month, two Negro Boys, *viz.* WILL, about 27 Years old, his Clothing *Virginia* Cloth. JAMES, about 16 Years old, had on old light coloured Cloth Clothes. I expect they will endeavour to get to *Hampton*. Whoever apprehends the ſaid Boys, and conveys them to Major *Row Cowper*, or Mr. *Edward Cowper*, near *Hampton*, or to me, ſhall have 15*l.* Reward for each. ELIZABETH COWPER.

BOSTON, *March* 10, 1777.

ANY Gentlemen in the Commonwealth of *Virginia* who may want Buſineſs tranſacted in *Boſton*, upon Commiſſion, or otherwiſe, may depend on having it done upon as good Terms, and as great Deſpatch given, as any Houſe in the Place, by applying to Meſſ. *Baldwin* and *Pringle*, upon *Dock* Square in *Boſton*, where conſtant Attendance is given at their Store, and who will be much obliged to any Gentlemen for their Favours, *&c.*

BLANDFORD, *March* 24, 1777.

THE Subſcriber has for Sale a valuable Lot in the Town of *Blandford*, on which are new Houſes of all Kinds fit for the Reception of a Family, and well planked in, and a Lot in the Town of *Peterſburg*, which rents for 20*l.* a Year; alſo 6000 Acres of LAND on the Waters of *Snow* and *Turkey Cock* Creeks, near *Pittſylvania* Courthouſe. The Terms will be made eaſy to a Purchaſer, as he will either ſell for Caſh or long Credit, on giving Bond with good Security. Poſſeſſion of the Lots cannot be given till next *Chriſtmas*, as they are both rented out till that Time.

(6‖) THOMAS GORDON.

TAKEN up, in *Prince Edward*, a YELLOW BAY MARE, 4 Years old, 4 Feet 7 or 8 Inches high, branded on the near Buttock with ſomething reſembling a Stirrup Iron, has a long Tail and Mane, 4 white Feet, and a ſmall Star in her Forehead. Poſted, and appraiſed to 15*l.* (1) JOHN SMITH.

AGREEABLE to the laſt Will and Teſtament of Col. *Joſeph Hutchings*, deceaſed, will be ſold at Vendue, on *Monday* the 19th of *May*, on the Premiſes, for ready Money, a Tract of Land lying on *Tanner's* Creek, in the County of *Norfolk*, commonly called *Hardy's*, containing about 300 Acres.

(7) JOHN HUTCHINGS, MATTHEW PHRIPP, } Executors.

AN HARPSICHORD for Sale. Inquire of the Printers.

FOR Sale, a Tract of LAND in *Suſſex*, near Elam's Bridge, on the *Aſſamuſick* Swamp, containing 375 Acres, with a Plantation thereon in very good Order for 5 or 6 Hands, and good Improvements, viz. a good Dwelling-Houſe with a large Brick Cellar and Chimnies, a Shop, Kitchen, and good Barn 30 by 20, a Dairy and Smoke-houſe, and other convenient Outhouſes; alſo a fine Orchard, Water Grift Mill, and an excellent Paſturage under a ſtrong Fence, well watered; likewiſe Cattle, Hogs, and the Crop of Corn, if made. To be entered on the 25th of *October* next. The Terms may be made known by applying to me, on the Premiſes.

(4) JOSEPH ELLIS, Senior.

WILLIAMSBURG, *April* 11, 1777.

THE Subſcriber begs Leave to inform the Gentlemen who for thoſe ſeveral Years paſt uſed to put up at his Houſe, that he has now entirely diſcontinued taking in Lodgers.

ROBERT NICOLSON.

TAKEN up, in *Charles City*, a ſmall BAY HORSE about 4 Feet and an Inch high, paces and canters well. Poſted, and appraiſed to 5*l.* WILLIAM TYRIE.

TO be rented, in *Staunton*, *Auguſta* County, a large Dwelling-Houſe and Lot with good Kitchen and Stables, late the Property of Mr. *Roger North*, deceaſed. It is fit for any Kind of public Buſineſs. For Terms apply to the Subſcriber in *Staunton*.

(‖) CATHERINE NORTH.

*** It is requeſted that all Perſons indebted to the Eſtate will ſettle their Accounts; and thoſe who have any Demands againſt it are requeſted to bring them in.

FOR SALE, three Thouſand Acres of Land, lying on the Banks of *Rappahannock* River, in the upper Part of *Lancaſter* County, nearly oppoſite *Urbanna*, and ſtretching three Miles along the ſaid River, eſteemed remarkably good, moſt of it flat low Grounds, with many valuable Improvements, a beautiful Situation with a good Dwelling-Houſe and all convenient Offices about the centre of the Tract, and other new Buildings on other Parts of ſaid Land. The Whole to be ſurveyed and ſold, either together or in Lots, as may be moſt convenient to the Purchaſer or Purchaſers. This Land has all the Advantages of Creeks, Fiſh, Oyſters, and every other that a Situation in the lower Part of the Country affords; is attended with the Advantages of a good Harbour for Trade, all the Stocks of Horſes, Cattle, Hogs, and 200 Sheep, may be had with the ſaid Lands. For Terms apply to *Henry Armiſtead*, Eſq; on the Premiſes, or to *Thomas B Griffin*, Eſq; near the ſame, who are inveſted with competent Powers to diſpoſe of the Whole. (tf) BURGES BALL.

TO be ſold to the higheſt Bidder, on *Thurſday* the 24th of *April* next, if fair, if not the next fair Day, at the Plantation of Capt. *Maxamilian Robinſon*, deceaſed, in *King George* County, near *Leeds* Town, for ready Money, 40 valuable SLAVES, Men, Women, fine Boys, and Girls, a large Stock of Cattle, Hogs, Horſes, and Sheep, a Quantity of *Indian* Corn, Wheat, and Rye, ſundry Kinds of Houſehold and Kitchen Furniture, ſome Rum, Sugar, Wine, and Arrack, a Quantity of empty Bottles and Carboys, and many other neceſſary Articles, by (5‖) THE EXECUTORS.

☞ All Perſons that have Demands againſt the ſaid Eſtate are deſired to make them known at the Day of Sale, and all thoſe that are indebted are requeſted to make immediate Payment.

STOLEN from the Subſcriber, at *Newcaſtle*, in *Hanover* County, the 9th Day of *November* laſt, a full blooded BAY ROAN MARE, 5 years old laſt Spring, and near 5 Feet high, has more white Hairs upon her Rump than any where elſe, ſhod all round, but ſuppoſe the Thief may take off her Shoes, to prevent Detection, is a little lame in her right hind Leg, which is very perceivable when ſhe trots. I will give FORTY SHILLINGS to any One who will give me Intelligence of the ſaid Mare ſo that I get her again, or THREE POUNDS if brought Home, and FIVE POUNDS on Conviction of the Thief, if a white Man.

4‖ RICHARD JOHNSON.

GODOLPHIN,

A BEAUTIFUL bright Bay, riſing 7 Years old, ſtands at Mr. *John Baird's* Plantation in *Prince George* County, near *Blandford*, and will cover Mares this Seaſon at 30*s.* the Leap, ready Money, or 5*l.* the Seaſon. Gentlemen who incline may have their Mares enſured for 6*l.* the Money to be paid in the Fall; if their Mares ſhould not prove with Foal they ſhall be entitled to the enſuing Seaſons till they get a Foal. GODOLPHIN was got by OLD FEARNOUGHT, out of a full blooded Mare, imported by Col. *Baylor*, well known by the Name of OLD JENNY DISMAL. I have prepared two excellent Paſtures for the Mares *gratis*, but will not be liable for any that may get away.

(4) THOMAS FEILD.

THE NOTED SWIFT HORSE

TRISTRAM SHANDY,

NOW in high Health, very fat and vigorous, ſtands at *Beverley Plain*, in the lower End of *Caroline* County, and will cover Mares this Seaſon at 50*s.* TRISTRAM SHANDY was got by *Morton's* TRAVELLER, his Dam by JANUS, out of a fine *Engliſh* Mare. Two very large Paſtures, under ſtrong Fences, for the Mares, *gratis*, and great Care taken of them, but I will run no Riſk.

(5‖) JAMES UPSHAW.